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Editor's Letter

James L. Douthat of Mountain Press once again brings us great information, this time, Wills and Probates.

I am sorry to report the passing of Hazel D. Dobose, Rose Virginia Holsomback and Carol Anderson Wilson.

Thanks to Vivian Toole Cates & Anel Grayson for their contributions to this issue.

I hope you enjoy this issue of TREE TALK.

Gordon Bennett, Editor



Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions

By James L. Douthat,

In doing genealogical research, we often ignore the sources where we will find the information because we think it is too difficult to locate. The Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions as some states call them, is one of those sources. In every state and every county, there is an organization established to handle the day to day matters of that area. It is called by different names, but the actions are pretty much the same. A world of important records is found in their minutes with notations that are helpful to the researcher.

One of the biggest stumbling blocks is the fact that many of these records have not been transcribed and indexed. For this fact, many researchers are opposed to sitting down and reading those minutes. We say we don't have the time or that we can't read the hand writing. Whatever the excuse, we are missing a great deal of information that is vital to our research.

Listed below is some of the information found in these records:

1. Deed records and land transfers. Sometimes the Deed Books give the details and sometimes the real details are taken up in the court session. If we know the date when the deed was recorded, we might want to go back in the court minutes to verify that there was no issue with the transfer of the land.
2. Estate processes are taken care of in the court. This may mean that the will has to be verified and approved. In some cases, the widow's claims are discussed or the administrators are appointed. In most all cases, the estate is settled via the court as the county wants their fair share of the taxes. Frequently, judges are appointed to make sure that the estate is settled according to the will statements. Usually this is the case when the widow and child are given the responsibility for the estate. The court wants to make sure all claimants receive their fair share.
3. Abandoned and orphaned children are a prime source of records in the minutes. During the early history of the counties, they dealt with orphaned children by binding them out to a responsible person of high standing in the community. To be fair with the child and the guardians, the court received regular reports on the affairs of the child. When a child is bound out they are given over to the responsible person with certain stipulations. Normally, the child is bound only up to the age of accountability 18-21. At the time of accountability, the child is free to choose their life style. They have been given training in a trade and when released are to be given the tools of that trade with two suits of clothes, the one they are wearing and another one. Many times, the child remains with the family as this is the family that has raised them.
4. Bastardy situations are usually handled by the court. In the case of some states, they require that the female come into court and declare the child a bastard. Sometimes they request the name of the father and sometimes only a bond of several in the community who will give assurance that the child will never become a ward of the court and it will be cared for in a proper manner. In North Carolina, a bond is issued by the court with the names of those who will care for the child during its infancy or to the age of accountability. It is not surprising that this list will sometimes include the father even though he is not stated as such. Most often those who do sign the bond are relatives of the woman, such as father, brothers, cousins, etc.

Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions

5. Road orders are a big part of the court's working. In the early nineteenth century, the roads in be charged with the responsibility of caring for the road with the help of those living along that stretch. These helpers are said to be given the job of being the "hands" to do the work.the coun-ty were cared for by local citizens. One of the persons living on a certain road would

6. Militia records are recorded in the court minutes. Beginning with the start of the country, there was very little in the way of a standing army. For protection, the militia or citizen solder was the main source of protection. Most counties were divided into "companies" with officers over each and when the need arose the units were called up for a period of time, usually three months in the case of a war. When the need arose for a search of intruders into the community, they may only serve a few days or weeks. The county appointed the officers for these units and the records are found in the minutes. It was not until the time of the War with Mexico in the late 1840s that armies came into play.

7. Disputed marriages and divorces were handled by the court. In many cases of illegally, bas-tardy, breach of contract, bigamy or clandestine marriages performed by a publican in an ale house, the court will intervene in the affairs. Sometimes the cases of divorce are handled in open court. I have found that the divorces records are found almost in every court in the states from the State Legislature down to the local judge. This is the same for naturalization records.

Whatever confronts the local area at any given time, the county courts have to deal with the sit-uation. You will find the records in their minutes. Take a little time and go through these care-fully. You will be surprised at the notes you will make. Don't forget to record the dates of each entry. You think you will never forget that, but turn the page and you have forgotten the date of that last entry already. I know that I do!

Happy Hunting!

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Hazel D. Dubose



Hazel was born to Clara (Buckley) and Guy W. Dillehay September 10, 1922 in Jacksonville, TX. She died December 29, 2021 in Tyler, TX at age 99.

“It is said that when an old person dies, a library burns to the ground. In Hazel’s case, it’s more like losing the American History, Agriculture, and Natural Science archives at the Library of Congress. Throughout her life she joyfully accumulated and retained information on an astounding breadth and depth of knowledge, as exemplified by the variety of books and periodicals she consumed. She especially enjoyed first-hand personal journals from the colonial, westward expansion, and Civil War eras of America, preferring, as she put it, the “worm’s-eye view” of the actual people involved in day-to-day doings, rather than the interpretations of academics generations removed.

To her children she was the greatest treasure imaginable – a kind, witty, and smart mom who constantly broadened their horizons. She taught them the joy of learning and the rewards of doing. A farm girl by raising, she conveyed to her children an abiding interest in the natural world of plants and animals, both wild and domestic, along with practical acceptance of their living, ailing, and dying. She gifted her family with

fascination, not fear, of insects, spiders, snakes, toads, birds, bears, deer, coyotes, etc. – all the natural world.

Growing up on the Dock Buckley family farm in nearby West Shady Grove, Hazel was proud of her heritage as a 4th-generation East Texan. She attended Maydelle High School and Lon Morris College. In 1939 she joined her sister Doris at nursing school in Houston, TX, later graduating with top honors as an RN. Central to Hazel’s being was her nursing career, which spanned over 45 years. She felt lucky to be involved during a time when medical science advanced from pre-WWII (no antibiotics) through the advent of such miracles as open heart surgery, organ transplant, and joint replacement. Better than half her career was in military settings, as an officer in the US Army Nurse Corps during WWII and later as a civilian nurse at Air Force or Army facilities. Licensed in three states, she also spent time in Public Health and Industrial nursing.

In 1944, Lt. Hazel Dillehay married Captain Robert T. (Rob) DuBose at Brooks Army Air Field in San Antonio, TX, where their first child was born a year later. Rejoining civilian life after WWII, the couple eventually moved to College Station, TX, where Rob completed undergraduate, graduate, and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees at Texas A&M while Hazel nursed at a nearby Air Force Base hospital and clinic.

In 1959 the family moved to Blacksburg, VA, where Rob had accepted a position at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (subsequently Virginia Tech) and Hazel became a full-time mom, homemaker, and school nurse volunteer. Ten years later she returned to full-time nursing, finishing out her career as Chief Nurse of the medical clinic at the 4,000-employee Radford Army Arsenal munitions facility.

Hazel D. Dubose



Upon retirement in 1985, Hazel returned to Texas with husband Rob, settling in Flint, a suburb of Tyler. There she continued to enjoy reading, learning, gardening, birdwatching, and visits to the nearby family farm. She was actively involved in both Daughters of the America Revolution and United Daughters of the Confederacy. After Rob's death in 2001, she remained engaged in studying, observing nature, working daily crosswords, cooking, following the Dallas Cowboys, and managing her own personal and financial affairs.

April of 2019 started a two-and-one-half-year period of surgeries, hospitalizations, home health care, and hospice. During this time eldest son Robert attended as her round-the-clock primary advocate and caregiver. Until shortly before her passage she remained in good spirits and full possession of her faculties, engaged with her family and caregivers, and working her crosswords. The family is especially grateful to her daughter Marcia, who lived with Hazel for her last two decades. After Hazel gave up her car keys (voluntarily) in 2005, Marcia did the driving, shopping, and heavier work, enabling Hazel to continue living inde-

pendently at home. We will always remember the care and kindness provided by CNA Mandi Fisher during her homecare. Twice-weekly visits from Speech Therapist Penny Morgan Reedy brightened Hazel's day and enabled her to continue enjoying some "real food" to supplement her feeding tube nutrition. Also, words are inadequate to describe the comfort, honor, and kindness provided to Hazel and family by the entire staff at The Homeplace Hospice of East Texas in her final days. Further, we are grateful for the care and devotion provided over the years by Drs. Ngia Truong, Katrina Glover, and their staffs.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Doris. In addition to her children, Marcia Dubose, Robert DuBose, and Michael (Ann) DuBose, she is survived by grandchildren Sarah, Kevin, Kimberly, and Torre; great-grandchildren Colten, Nikola, Rachel, and Hendrix; brother-in-law John (Susan) DuBose; nieces Lisa (Kathy) DuBose, and Madeline (Darrin) Williams; as well as nephews Ethan Ashalintubbi, Mark (Brittan) DuBose, and Charles (Glenda) Jones.

Arrangements are with Autry Funeral Home, Jacksonville, TX. Memories and condolences can be shared on their website. A private graveside ceremony with military honors for Hazel is planned. Once the pandemic has sufficiently abated, the family hopes to host an open gathering to celebrate her life and honor her memory. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Hazel may be made to The Homeplace Hospice of East Texas, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (both in Tyler, TX), The Society of St. Vincent DePaul USA, or to the charity of your choice.

Rose Virginia (Burnett) Holsomback

Rose Virginia (Burnett) Holsomback 88, went to be face-to-face with the Lord on December 1, 2021, in Lufkin, TX. Virginia was born in Dialville, TX, on March 22, 1933, to Carl and Ruby (Clark) Burnett. She married James D. (Jim) Holsomback on June 22, 1950.

Mrs. Holsomback is survived by her three daughters: Cindy and husband Roy McMullen of Huntington, Susan and husband Mark Williams of Nacogdoches, and Diana and husband Charlie Throckmorton of Lufkin; grandchildren: David and wife Alicia McMullen of Lufkin, Hunter and wife Sara Throckmorton of Tyler, Connor Throckmorton of Houston; and special granddaughter, Shannon Throckmorton Benham of Fayetteville, AR; great-granddaughters: Lyra Anne McMullen of Lufkin, Virginia Kay Throckmorton and Jocelyn Rose Throckmorton of Tyler, Grace Avery Benham and Ava Reese Benham of Fayetteville, AR. She is also survived by her brother Dan Ray and wife Gwen Burnett of Santa Fe, TX; and sister Zanetta and husband Mike Knesek of Sealy, TX, and her special niece Melissa Burnett and husband David Wein-zappfel; also several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers: Billy Joe Burnett, Jerry Clark Burnett, Bonnie Reese Burnett, and sister Carldene Burnett Bones.

Virginia traveled the world, usually following her husband—as a Navy wife and then as a non-hunting companion for his safaris. She was a devout Christian who took in the word of God daily and guided her family with that wisdom. She was a much beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She will be sorely missed, but her legacy of graciousness will be carried on by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who all adored her. Assuredly, she will be greeted with, “Well done, thy good and faithful servant” (Matt 25:21).

Her family wishes to extend our sincerest appreciation to the staff of Hospice in the Pines and our gratitude to her wonderful caregiver Brenda Carroll, whose devotion was unmeasurable.

IN MEMORIAM FROM HER GRANDCHILDREN

Three Matches

My grandmother grew up during the Great Depression, and those things she experienced in childhood stayed with her forever. She was a huge fan of the Depression Era phrase, “Use it up; wear it out; make it do, or do without.”

She was one of the fairest people I have ever known. She was a strong Christian, and she tried to view everything in life through that lens. She was always prepared, always fair, and always humble.

One of the lessons that she taught us boys as children was how to build a fire. I know nowadays that is mostly discouraged, but she would not have grandsons that couldn’t accomplish building a basic fire if they were ever in need. To teach this lesson, she gave me, my brother, and my cousin each three matches. She demonstrated how to properly arrange the kindling, how to strike the match, how to protect the small flame from the wind, and finally, how to light the fire. She did this several times until we all said that we understood. Then she said we each had three attempts to get it correct—the three matches. All of us were able to start the fire within the three tries. all found out that we didn’t know as much as we thought we did, and we all received equal attempts at the task.. That episode taught us a lesson about preparedness, fairness, and humility. We all learned to take care of ourselves a little better that day— we all found out that we didn’t know as much as we thought we did, and we all received equal attempts at the task.

We learned much more over the years from our grandmother that prepared us for life. But I always look back on that particular lesson and find it ironic that she chose to use three matches to teach us that day. Three was a significant number for her; she had three daughters and three grandsons. God gave her three attempts in two separate areas in life with daughters and grandsons, and we think she succeeded every time. She would probably argue that it was anything except her that made us all who we are today because of her humility, but, for once, she would be wrong

Rose Virginia (Burnett) Holsomback

She had a massive impact on all of our lives and most certainly had everything to do with all of our successes. We will always remember her lessons; we will always love her, and we will always miss her. As Paul said to Timothy, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (II Tim 4:7). Nana has done that and inspired us by her example.

My Genevieve

She was the epitome of what I always thought a mother and grandmother should be, but she wasn't on the movie screen (although she was that beautiful); she was in our real life. Oatmeal cookies and a fridge full of food that she made for us (everyone's favorites represented) was always accompanied by a sweet hug and a pat on the back at the end, with her words, “The Lord is listening, so don't forget to say your prayers.” There wasn't a smidge of bad in her, and no one could ever convince me otherwise. Pap is happy because he has his sweetheart back now.

Nana the Matriarch

Nana was undefeated in Monopoly and dangerous with a fly-swatter. She taught us many things, including how to strike matches and how to negotiate the price of anything. She was also fond of making my brother, my cousin, and me dress up at Christmas as the Three Kings or—to my chagrin—two shepherds and a sheep (I was always the sheep because I am the youngest grandson).

Nana was as close to perfect as a human could get, and all of our lives, we thought Nana was other-worldly because she didn't have fingerprints or a belly button (she told the children that she kept it in a locked dresser drawer). However, even with her angelic characteristics, Nana was a force to be reckoned with.

In our house, it was easy to deter us from wrongdoings because the standard of conduct was to never do something that “you didn't want Nana to know.”

We all talked to Nana about every facet of our jobs and the stresses of life, and she would always say how proud she was of us and that the Lord is with us every step of the way.

I would give anything to have just a few more minutes to tell her how I'm doing and let her know that I'm ok. I would give anything to hear her say one last time, “I'm so proud of you.” But I know I'll see her in Heaven, so I'll tell her then.

There will be no services at this time. The family gratefully requests that memorials be donated to Hospice in the Pines, 1504 W. Frank Ave., Lufkin, TX 75904 or Berachah Church, 2815 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056, or the charity of your choice.



TRUE OR FALSE OR SOMEWHERE IN-BETWEEN

By Vivian Toole Cates

To: Cherokee County Genealogical Society, Monday, October 10, 2016.

Newton, Texas, Genealogy Conference Friday, February 10, 2017

The idea for this program topic came from a genealogy seminar Dan and I attended last August 2016 in Shreveport, Louisiana, put on by the ARK-LA-TX Genealogical Society. The speaker was Mrs. Dianne L. Giannini, a Certified Genealogist, who now lives in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Her first session was "Confirming Family Stories Using Special Collections." Her second session was "I've Found a Document, Now What? Document Analysis Workshop."

I thought to myself as I listened to her program, "I can do a program like this using my own family information!!! I can take these ideas and turn them into a similar, but different program of my own to present to some meetings, workshops or seminars! And in particular, I can use it for a program for either one or both of the Cherokee County and/or Angelina County Genealogical Society, the next time it is my turn to do one.

While the central idea of her program was the use of special collections, I am focusing on some examples of stories and traditions from my family research and some brief explanations of how I found out if they were true or false or somewhere in-between.

Instead of putting the emphasis of this program on using various "special collections," I am putting my emphasis on the importance of examining our family stories, legends and traditions to further your genealogical research regardless of where the research and documentation is found.

Some of the more common comments, stories and traditions voiced by both beginning and even more experienced researchers are as followed. "Grandma said!" "Aunt said!" "Uncle, fill in a name, said, etc." "Cousin, fill in a name, said before they died, etc." "We have Indian blood, maybe an Indian princess!" "Grandpa fought in the war, etc.!" Native American tribes for the most part had no royalty as the British and European societies knew it. Stories, traditions and statements made by relatives similar to "Grandpa fought in the war!" generate a multitude of questions of which grandma, which grandpa and which war. Some reconstruction of either general or specific dates, a time line and generational relationships are a good place to begin here. Historical dates are fairly easy to find. Trying to determine the generations of your family in relationship to those dates is much more challenging.

Then there are those relatives who no matter what the research findings are will never believe otherwise than what their elderly relative said.

In this program I would like to explore just a few of the stories and traditions from some of my family branches. You may have found in your own research that some of your family branches have more stories and traditions than others. The most information naturally comes from the relatives to whom you were closest in your growing up years and associated with as adults. Then suddenly we must adjust to being the older generation that carries those stories and traditions to the younger generation.

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I would like to concentrate on a few traditions/stories that have plagued my research over the years and a few sources that I used to solve them.

Mrs. Giannini recommended in her program to write down the story or tradition as it is told by various family members. Some stories and traditions are much easier to commit to paper and to unravel than others. For me this is another example of do as I say, not as I do. I failed, a lot of time to take notes and/or to ask more questions. Sometimes it was or is just better to listen and not interrupt the conversational flow of the speaker.

Genealogy and family information comes from many sources. I am sure that most of you can recall finding some important fact about someone in your family from a completely unexpected source. By using some of our standard genealogy research references we can confirm a story, disprove a story, add interest to a story and learn more about the historical facts surrounding the story and add more information especially about the individual relatives involved in the incident.

Mrs. Giannini suggested giving the story a name as a first step to writing the story. This makes it easier to share information in writing. I suggest interviewing living relatives. Of course this becomes more difficult as we get older and we are now the oldest generation. A certain story might have come down in the family of very distant cousins, if you can find them. Take notes, specific names, dates and places. And this is hard for me to do. Listen closely! Try not to interrupt or correct the speaker even if this version is different from what the person told you the last time.

I have had a few arguments with some other researchers over the years who have refused to believe that the story or tradition is not true. Just because it is a story or tradition in your family does not make it true! I believe that there is probably some grain of truth in most family stories. Some are just harder to find in some stories than others. Some mysteries I have yet to solve after almost 50 years of serious off and on research. Some stories can't be proven or documented one way or the other. Then there are those "stone walls!"

Some family stories and traditions I could talk about more at length are as follows. If I need to make this program longer at some point in the future, I can expand on them at some length. Maybe at some point I can learn how to do Power Point and actually examine some documents during my presentation. I don't know how to do power point and Ms. Leach did not have access to one of those old fashioned projectors that do transparencies.

Now to some shorter examples of stories and traditions from my own personal family research. Most all of my examples are from my side of the family and are from Georgia and South Carolina and Virginia. Later in my presentation I do have a Texas connection.

1. Grandpa said we were related to Nathaniel Greene of the Revolutionary War.

This was my paternal grandfather, "Grandpa Obed." He dropped dead on the street in Augusta, Georgia, in 1960 during my junior year in high school. Of course, I later found out after I began serious genealogy research in 1967 that this was not true. Being a well-known historical figure, it was fairly easy to find out that he had no surviving sons/grandsons with the Green/e surname. My Green/e family after all this time is still a mystery.

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2. Grandpa said that the Crows were Indians. Of course, this statement is true. The Crows were a Plains area Indian tribe. But, not our Crows, who were in Clarke County, Georgia. This was Grandpa Obed again.

3. Grandpa Obed's grandfather was James (Jim) Crow, but the Jim Crow who was actually a slave doing a crazy dance who was observed by a mistrial show performer. That was true. I have yet to identify his parents. By DNA testing there is proof that he does belong to the family of Crows connected to Stephen Crow, Rev. Soldier and the Mars Hill Baptist Church out from Athens, Georgia. Clarke County, Georgia, has not lost any records. The Crows just did not leave that many.

4. THE DURHAMS AND THE REYNOLDS CAME TOGETHER TO GEORGIA IN A WAGON TRAIN FROM VIRGINIA IN 1805. No so! It was probably the Durhams and the Lindseys and they arrived in Georgia before 1800.

This story was written down and copies passed around and recopied by various cousins. The original source was a double cousin named Wade Durham. This story "messed up" my research for years and it is still repeated by some of my cousins despite my trying to tell them it got put together wrong! I used lots of different resources. In this case the parts are true. The parts just got put together wrong in the retelling through the years. The old story was even published by a now deceased U. of Ga. history professor in a book. It is still being repeated in print that way. This is proven out by deeds, marriage records, tax records, a Revolutionary War Widow's Pension Application and wills and estate records. These records are from Georgia and Virginia and some later clues were found from the Internet. Georgia's census was lost until 1820 and part of Virginia's census is missing for 1790 making research more difficult. In addition, the early records of the two Virginia Counties involved were lost/burned. Hanover was lost in the Civil War. New Kent had a very early courthouse fire.

5. My maternal grandmother's brother died under mysterious circumstances. His horse and buggy came home without him the next morning. He was found on the side of the road. A cousin who was young at the time said it might have had to do with Klan activities. More, but I will leave it at that. This story appeared on the front page of the county newspaper at the time. I saw a copy of the clipping that my great aunt had in her picture box that was probably thrown out by her family after she died. My research sources included a Death Certificate from Georgia Archives Virtual Vault online. "Death in a buggy accident." Tombstone Inscription. Family Story. November 1, 1920, Newspaper November 5, 1920.

6. My paternal grandmother's brother was either murdered or died under mysterious circumstances in a house fire after or during a poker game on a sawmill site. This happened in Keysville, a little town in Burke County, Georgia, south of Augusta. This story was on the front page of the AUGUSTA CHRONICLE, published in Augusta, Georgia, for several days running. I do have some copies of the newspaper. It can be subscribed to online. I tried an online subscription for a time and was able to print out copies. This was April 5, 1930. Death by arson in a house fire. Sources, family story by his younger sister, newspaper story, cemetery record, death certificate from Georgia Archives online Virtual Vault.

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7. MARY D. GREEN(E) TOOLE'S DEATH DATE ON HER TOMBSTONE MAY BE WRONG. I have talked about her and her husband at several UDC meetings. I found a marriage record that appears to be for my 2-great grandfather Richard I. Manning Toole in Augusta, Georgia, that would have made him a bigamist. Then a few years ago some books of Georgia newspaper abstracts were published. There is a somewhat vague item about the death of a somewhat aged lady by the name of Mrs. Tool that might be her. It gives a different date for her death than the one on her stone. I also found on the Georgia Archives virtual vault of death certificates, a death certificate for her daughter, my great grandmother. Years ago both my sister and I were told that there was not one on file. On the death certificate, my maternal grandfather who died c. 1940 gives her name as Mary D. Green. That confirms the family story of her name. At least it takes the name back to the early 1920's.

8. My great grandfather, ED (Edward, Edmund) CARPENTER SHOT A N* IN THE HAMBURG RACE RIOTS. He served time in the South Carolina Penn. This story is another example of how various stories get scrambled and put together wrong in the retelling by a younger family member who was not born at the time and grew up in a different location. A very interesting trial transcript was turned into a whole book. A previously unknown, at least to me, distant Booth cousin who was working as a librarian in Columbia, South Carolina, at the time made me a copy of the book and sent it to me. Before I was contacted by her, I had never heard of the Booth-Toney Feud! My great grandfather's brother was on trial for murder in the late 1870's. My great grandfather was called as a witness. It was called the Booth-Toney Feud and took place on the courthouse square in Edgefield County, South Carolina. It was another Carpenter cousin who was tried for murder in the late 1890's. He was sentenced for murder, but was pardoned after serving time in the Penn in Columbia. I found him on the census there and in some newspaper stories on line that someone posted.

9. EDMONDS NARRATIVE

THIS EDMONDS SAGA/NARRATIVE WAS PUBLISHED IN A TEXAS NEWSPAPER IN THE LATE 1890'S. THE SON OF A BRANCH OF MY EDMONDS FAMILY CAME TO TEXAS WHILE HIS FATHER STAYED IN ALABAMA. My branch stayed in Georgia.

The story I want to tell you about more in depth was written in a newspaper in Alabama in the 1890's and republished in Texas about 1901. A copy was preserved in the Baylor Library in Waco. One of my Edmonds cousins migrated from Oglethorpe County, Georgia, to Alabama. Then one of his sons came to Texas. My Edmonds line is the one that stayed in Wilkes and Oglethorpe and Greene County, Georgia.

I have mentioned in the past that I began serious genealogy research in 1967, the year after Dan and I married. My maternal grandmother was Bessie May Edmonds Durham. My family lived with her several years out in the country before I started first grade. So I have quite a few memories of her. She died when I was in elementary school. I knew a whole lot more about the Durhams than the Edmonds because we were living in the area called Durhamtown in Greene County. The Edmonds family connections were living in Rayle in Wilkes County, Georgia, near the Oglethorpe county line. I had no early stories about the earlier Edmonds ancestors. I have had to look up all the information I have in early records. I had done a lot of research on them before the development of the Internet.

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The furthest I have been able to document this line is Francis Edmonds (a man) was married to Rachel [_?_]. They were in Halifax County, Virginia, by c. 1768. They had a family, moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, where he got land. He died with a will in 1799 naming his children. She died with a will c. 1824 after moving, I think with one of her sons, to Jasper and Newton County, Georgia. For some reason her will was recorded in another Georgia County, Talbot over close to the Alabama line, as well. I am guessing that there might have been some slaves or other movable property involved when some of the heirs moved to that county. So I had a lot of information on the family when someone, I forget who, told me about this Edmonds family narrative or I found this narrative on the Internet on one of the genealogy sites.

I have figured out that the writer of the following brief Edmonds family history, William A. Edmonds and my maternal grandmother, Bessie May Edmonds Durham would have been first cousins twice removed.

The following article appeared in the Fayette (Ala) News in 1891 and was reprinted in 'The Texas Collection':

I, William A. Edmonds, am the great-grandson of John Edmonds, who was born and reared in Wales, and came to America in 1732 or 3. He was banished for dogging a pet deer belonging to one of the princess', at 16 years of age, and settled at Jamestown, Va., where he married at the age of 20 years, and raised his family. He and his oldest son (Harry) were engaged in a fight with the Indians at Braddock's defeat. Harry was killed in this conflict, but his father came out unhurt. Harry was 17 years old when he fell. John had four other sons and one daughter. Frank, (the oldest) Sidney, William ---commonly called Buck--- and John, who was my grand father. These four sons passed through the revolutionary war unhurt. The daughter married Mathew Cox.

The above history was given to me by my grand father, when I was about twelve years old, with a request that, if I lived to raise a family, to let my children know the origin of the Edmonds family in the United States.

I have seen and read in my grand father's bible. He used "o" in spelling his name as I do.

I was raised in Oglethorpe county, Ga., moved to Tuscaloosa county, Ala., in 1848, and in the fall of the same year, moved to Fayette county where I have lived ever since.

I was elected tax collector in 1851, which office I held by re-election until 1864 when I was disenfranchised until 1874. I was re-elected tax collector in 1874, holding said office until April 1878, and I can say with clear conscience before the world, where the name of Edmonds is known, that, during the 17 years of my official work, I never defrauded the county or tax payer out of one dime knowingly. I claim kin with every Edmonds in the United States, provided he is truthful, honest, industrious, and strictly sober. If he lacks those traits of character, he is not as near me as he otherwise, might be.

I am today, 76 years, 10 months and 17 days old. Tuesday, September 1, 1891.

If any of the readers of The News can give their lineage, let them do as I have done. -----
William A. Edmonds in Fayette (Ala. News)

TRUE OR FALSE OR SOMEWHERE IN-BETWEEN

Regarding the ancestral showing of the above named parties, we desire to say that William A. Edmonds is the father of Mr. A. N. Edmonds living near Itasca and a man of known integrity throughout all of his dealings as a good citizen, neighbor, and Christian, and we regard the family history as meritorious and should be appreciated by all the lineal descendants.

Source #1. "The Texas Collection", Baylor University Library, Waco

Texas
Source #2. Anson, Texas Newspaper
Source #3. February, 1902, The Fayette Banner, Fayette, Alabama

SOURCE 1-TEXAS ONLINE RECORDS TO IDENTIFY MR. A. N. EDMONDS

Itasca, Texas, is in Hill County just north of Hillsboro that is on present day I35W coming south from Fort Worth. Grandview is just north of there, just inside the Johnson County line.

After surviving the Civil War serving from Alabama in the Confederate Army, he moved around quite a bit from census to census. For the most part he owned his own farm according to the census. Anson, Texas, is out just north of Abilene.

His posting on <http://www.findagrave> was quite informative. It was apparently posted by someone who knows quite a bit about the family. One idea for further research would be to contact that person who made the post.

United States, Civil War Soldiers Index <http://www.familysearch.org>

Augustus Edmonds Military Service, Also Known as Augustus Edmans Private Confederate, Alabama 2nd Battalion, Alabama Light Artillery Company

Also misfiled under Edwards and various spellings of first name.

Not found on the 1880 census in Alabama and he should be there somewhere.

Later Found on the 1880 Census in Texas.

1900 CENSUS HILL COUNTY, TEXAS. Series T623 Roll 1641

Page 126-B, Precinct #2, June 8, 1900, House #90/92

Edmonds, Augustus N	Head W M	May 1846	54 married 8 yrs b. Ala Ga Ga
, Amanda H	wife	Nov 1861	38 married 8 yrs. 2/2children
, James W	son	June 1880	19 single b. Tex Ala Ala
, Ella V	daughter	Jan 1883	17 single
, Sydney H.	son	Mar 1885	15 Single b. Tex Ala Ala
, Loyd L	son	Sept 1895	4 Single
, Blanche	daughter	Jan 1898	2 Single

#87/89 McElroy family

#88/90 McElroy family

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Father's Name: W. A. Edmonds

Father's Birthplace: Alabama error born in Georgia

Mother's Name: Frances Appling

Mother's Birthplace: Georgia

Occupation: Farmer

Place of Residence Alice, Jim Wells, Texas

Burial Place Grandview, Texas

Burial Date: 08 Oct 1920

Augustus Newell Edmonds

Birth: May 14, 1846 Death: Oct. 7, 1920

Family links:

Parents:

William A Edmonds (1814 - 1902)

Mary Frances Appling Edmonds (1823 - 1880)

Spouses:

Elizabeth Ann McDuff Edmonds (1851 - 1891)

Amanda H Davis Edmonds (1861 - 1902)

Lee Anna Naugle Edmonds (1852 - 1943)

Children:

Anna Eliza Edmonds Bradley (1872 - 1930)

Fatima Jane " Tima " Edmonds Berry (1873 - 1953)

Emma C Edmonds (1883 - 1883)

Lester Loyd Edmonds (1895 - 1965)

Siblings:

Sarah Catherine Edmonds McDuff (1844 - 1913)

Augustus Newell Edmonds (1846 - 1920)

Mary Francis Edmonds Richards (1848 - 1929)

Martha Edmonds (1850 - 1855)

Elizabeth Menervy Edmonds Bagwell (1853 - 1899)

Amey Tiney Edmonds Stanley (1854 - 1882)

Elvira Christian Edmonds (1860 - 1934)

James Hill Edmonds (1862 - 1930)

Exa Sephronia Edmonds White (1868 - 1888)

Burial:

Grandview Cemetery, Grandview, Johnson County, Texas, USA

Plot: Section D1

Maintained by: Grammy's Daughter

Originally Created by: Judi W Record added: Nov 06, 2008

Find A Grave Memorial# 31187515

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SOURCE 2. Poor School Record-Two of these naming Edmonds children, one in Oglethorpe and one in Wilkes.

Named William Edmonds b. c. 1815, with other children probably his siblings.

From the Oglethorpe County Georgia, Web Page on the Internet

A book containing the names of the Poor Children of Oglethorpe County, whose extreme indigence entitle them to participate in the benefits of the Poor School Fund --and also containing a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Poor School Fund for each year.

Lexington, Feby. 5th, 1829 Wm. H. Smith

1829 230th District

Note: The 230th Georgia Militia District is Woodstock in south east corner of the county. It borders Wilkes County Line on the east, Taliaferro County on the south. On the south west corner, it tips on Bairdstown which is #232. Other borders on the west are Bowling Green and Lexington #229 and on the north Simston #233. This tells us where in the county that the Edmonds/Edmonds family lived and probably what part of the county, the land described in the above deed was located. Anthony Edmonds/Edmonds might have later been in Taliaferro County without even moving. The county line might have been adjusted.

16 students listed in all, boys listed first and then the girls

Charles Moody 8 M

Thomas Bray 15 M

John Robertson 14 M

James Edmonds 16 M

William Edmonds 14 M

Pitman Edmonds 8 M

Anne Moody 11 F

Elizabeth Bray 11 F

Caroline Bray 8 F

Lucinda Robertson 12 F

Sarah S. Robertson 10 F

Amanda Jackson 9 F

Nancy Jackson 12 F

Francis Jackson 14 F

Frances Edmonds 12 F

Amy Edmonds 11 F

TRUE OR FALSE OR SOMEWHERE IN-BETWEEN**SOURCE 3. CENSUS FOR FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Found William(William A.) Edmonds born c. 1814-1820 in Georgia on 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 Census of Fayette County, Alabama, occupation listed as farmer. Wife Mary J. Edmonds and the typical large family of the period. With a neighbor, Hammer Applin, probably her relative.

1850 CENSUS FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. Printed page 79-A, House #327/32715th Division, November 20 1850.

William Edmonds 30 M farmer b. GA

Mary 25 F GA

John 9 M GA

Sarah 6 F GA

Augustus 4 M ALA

Mary 2 F ALA

Mary Brown 48 F GA

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William Brown 62 M farmer 50 S.C.

Louisa 6 (4?) F GA

1860 CENSUS FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. Printed page 384, written page 40, Fayette C. H. P. 0, East District, June 18, 1860, House #268/270.

Wm. A. Edmonds 46 M Farmer \$4500/1075 b. Ga.

Mary J. 37 F b. Ga.

John A. 18 M attended school b. Ala.

S(?) C. 16 F attended school b. Ala.

Augustus(?) U. (?) 14 M attended school b. Ala.

Mary F. 12 F attended school b. Ala.

Elizabeth M. 7 F attended school b. Ala.

Tima(?) 5 F b. Ala.

Charles U.(?) 1 M b. Ala.

Elvira C. 1/12 F b. Ala.

Enoch Floyed 21 M Farmer b. Ala.

House #269/271

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House #269/271

Hammer Applin 54 M Farmer \$800/725 b. Ga. her uncle

Martha A. 39 F b. Ga.

Joel S. 21 M Farmer b. Ga.

1870 CENSUS FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. Printed page 442-A, House #144, August 6, 1870

Edmonds, W. A. 47(?) M W farmer \$1200 \$1000 b. Ga.

, Mary F 47 F W Keeps House b. Ga.

, A. B. 16 F W b. Ala.

, C. W. 14 M W b. Ala.

, E. C. 11 F W b. Ala.

, J. H. 8 M W b. Ala.

, E. S. 2 F W b. Ala.

1880 CENSUS FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. Printed page 471-B, Township 15.

William A. Edmond farmer self M widowed W 65 b. Ga. VA GA

Elvira C. Edmond keeping house dau F Single W 20 AL GA GA

James H. Edmond farmer son M S W 18 AL GAGA

Exa S. Edmond dau F S W 12 AL GA GA

William A. Edmonds not found on the CD's of the 1880 Census of Fayette County, Alabama, though the following newspaper article indicates that he should have been there and the above census record shows that he was.

1900 CENSUS FAYETTE COUNTY, ALABAMA. Series 623 Roll 66 Printed page 136-A, Gilpin's Beat, June 14, 1900, Sup D 6 EdD 14 Sheet No. 413, House #47/404 ({[204/204 (?)}. About three sets of house numbers crossed out, written over and hard to read. Last name on the page.

Edmonds, William R. Head W M Oct. 1814 85 Wd b. Georgia Virginia Georgia
Farmer Owns Farm Free #64 on Agriculture Schedule

, Elvira C. Daughter W F May 1860 40 1/1 children

, Ichabodie (?) G-son W M Mar 1885 15 Single b. Alabama Alabama Alabama

TRUE OR FALSE OR SOMEWHERE IN-BETWEEN

SOURCE 3- MARRIAGE RECORDS OGLETHORPE COUNTY GEORGIA.

SOURCE 4 CEMETERY RECORDS-TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS-FINDAGRAVE.COM

William A. Edmonds was born Oglethorpe County, Georgia. In the 230 MDG (Woodstock-County Line Community)He died February 8 1902 in Fayette County, Alabama Buried in the Edmonds-Musgrove Cemetery., Fayette County, Alabama.

He married Mary Frances Appling on November 2, 1840, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. She was born September 27 1823 in Georgia. She died February 15, 1880 in Fayette County, Alabama.

His father was Anthony, his grandfather was John, his great-grandfather was Francis.

There was an Edmonds Bible that was burned in a house fire near Rayle, Wilkes County, Georgia, about 1937.

Y-DNA does not match any other Edmonds/Edmunds.

No militia lists have survived for the French and Indian War, Battle of Braddock's Defeat, July 1755. Many officers killed or wounded. George Washington was wounded or close to being killed. I wasted a lot of time on my one trip to Salt Lake City and one of my trips to Clayton in Houston trying to research this.

Francis Edmonds might have been from Calvert County, Maryland. One book lists an undated militia list with a Francis Edmonds there. I have not been able to fit him into any other Edmonds in Virginia. Some other people are looking as well.

I have printed over 30 pages of Edmonds/Edmunds lineages from one web site connected to Edmonds on familytreedna.com web site.

In conclusion, I hope that I have given you some ideas for further research on your family. The one main idea that I hope you will remember is that the family stories may be completely true or that they may be completely false, more likely somewhere in-Between. Use that information for clues to further research.

Vivian Toole Cates

Carol Anderson Wilson

Carole Anderson Wilson

Carole Anderson Wilson passed away January 8, 2022. Carole was born on October 13, 1940, to Henry Gordon Anderson and Elva Ruth Anderson (nee Neff) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her father was in the United States Army, and she and her family lived in Trieste, Italy, Germany, and many

different states. She graduated from Bellaire High School in 1958 and she attended Sam Houston State University where she met her husband, David. Carole and David were married on October 24, 1959, and moved to Troup. Their first child, Ruth, was born in 1960, and their second child, Danna, was born in 1962.

Carole graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1968 with a degree in elementary education and home economics. She taught kindergarten for four years before moving to teach high school home economics at Troup ISD. Carole was also the junior class sponsor, FHA sponsor, and band parent. She regarded the students as "hers" and loved them dearly.

After retiring from teaching, Carole began making clothes for craft fairs. She was a past president and Woman of the Year of the Troup Women's Civic Organization, a member of the Cattle-Ettes, a member of the First United Methodist Church, Troup, and a member of the Troup City Council for over twenty years, retiring only because of health reasons last year. Carole and her husband, David, were awarded the Troup Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year in 2010.

When David sold his store, he and Carole began traveling and enjoyed cruising to different destinations and countries. Carole loved making quilts, playing mah-jong, the daily crossword and cryptoquote, and jigsaw puzzles. She loved watching Elizabeth progress in her art and Annabella's progress with her horse and cheer. Carole and her grandchildren spent many wonderful hours together.

Carole was preceded in death by her parents, an infant sister, Christi, and her brother, Denis. She is survived by her husband of sixty-two years, David Grady Wilson, her two daughters, Ruth Wilson, and Danna Wilson Davis and her husband, Wyatt Davis, and two beloved granddaughters, Annabella and Elizabeth, all of Troup. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Suzie Elstad Anderson of Katy, Texas, and her nephews, Paul Anderson of College Station, Texas, and David Anderson of Chicago, Illinois. And many, many dear friends and loved ones, and all the children she taught.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 2 p.m., under the direction of Reverend John Thomas, at the First United Methodist Church, Troup, with internment to follow at Elkins Cemetery, Omen, Texas. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cottle Funeral Home, Troup, Texas. Pallbearers are Paul Anderson, David Anderson, Joe Carlyle, Chip Richardson, Tony Frachiseur, and Rex Wor! Honorary pallbearers are Bill Mowery, Gene Cottle, Wyatt Davis, George Zwicker, and Cody White.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Troup, 202 East Duval, Troup, Texas 75789, or to the Omen Cemetery Association, 10983 CR 2219, Tyler, Texas 75707.

Barnes Murder Mystery

Barnes Murder Mystery

Walter Barnes was born on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, in the town of Sherborn. His family came to America from the British Isles in the 1600's. They owned a fleet of whaling ships, and this was the "hub of the whaling industry" in early days.

Walter Barnes' mother, according to his older daughter (my Grandmother - Mary Emma (Barnes) Brady), was William Mitchell's sister. The Mitchells were educators. Walter attended a business college in New York in the 1860's, before "heading out" for Texas.

To make a long story short, Walter came to East Texas, Cherokee County, near Mignon, and (1870) purchased 160 acres of land. He and his wife, Permelia Penelope (Hairgrove) Barnes, parents of two daughters, Mary Emma and Lena Mahala (who later taught school at Mignon - 3rd name on the marble marker.) He was somehow associated with Dr. F. L. Yoakum, President of Larissa College; he was one of these (or all of these): a teacher at the school, a nurseyman with him in business, or a close friend and associate of his.

Larissa College had closed, and we do not know what Walter was doing to earn a living from 1870 to 1878. However, we find, through letters written to Permelia, that he had been involved in the

(over)

nursery business. His letters were written, explaining where he was, telling us that he was selling fruit trees to a large area of East Texas, from Shelbyville down to Crockett, over to Palestine, Noondag and to 'New' Boston (?) etc., Caledonia (?) Grapeland.

Then his last letter came, telling the family he was on his way home, written on January 21, 1879. He never made it home. (His travel was horseback.)

Stories have told three different versions of his disappearance. (1) Grandma said, "Papa did not come home after his letter came. Mama wrote Uncle* Joel about it and he tried to help find him, but had no luck." "Later, a Negro man told him he had left the country because he had witnessed Mr. Barnes' murder, and the two white men said they would kill me if I didn't leave the country and never come back."

But, he told the story because he did not want to die with the murder on his conscience. Who he told this to, unless it was the law, we do not know. (2) My Mother, Flo, who is Walter Barnes' grand-daughter, told this version: "I was a little girl when my Mama sat us children down and told us; Your Grandfather, Walter Barnes from Mifon, was murdered by two men when he was on his way home from a trip up North. In the winter he taught school (where?!!) and in

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* Joel was treasurer at Shelby Co. Ct. Hse - Joel Marion Hairgrove.

the summer he went up North to trap for furs. He had a lot of money, about \$2,000 on him, and he was murdered for his money. The old Negro man in his wagon came along with a load of cotton and saw them. They threatened him if he didn't leave the country. He went to Arkansas where he had family. He came back later and told the story."

The third story is this, "Your Great-grandfather, Walter Barnes, had been on a long trip, and was on his way home. He stopped about 20 miles from home at a neighbor's house, whom he knew well. Two men were there (strangers) to spend the night, as was the custom in that day. The friend asked Walter about his "good fortune on his trip." (Well, he told him how much money he had! Wrong thing to do!) The two men excused themselves after this and waylaid him when he came to where they were waiting. They killed him, buried him in a hole, where a big tree had blown over in a storm. Later, the story was told by someone who came down the road, and they fled for their lives to Mexico.".... Oh, Well! Now what? - (me talking)

Narris Braly, my first cousin, said he heard (from sources unknown) that two men in a town in Mexico, just across the border, were heard talking about the money they had (from this terrible act.) The person who heard them was from Cherokee County, Texas. He joined them, recognizing by

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their speech they spoke English. He got a few details, names exchanged a drink or two, (not revealing they heard prior conversation.) They were "transferred" from Mexico to Texas, after he got back and told the story to law enforcement officers in Cherokee County!

I searched Rusk Court House Records in the Criminal Court Records Dept. and found several murderers; some cases were suspicious because of two men (different names) and some, two brothers, etc. were of record as being charged of murder. No victims were named. This was about 20 years ago when I searched — and now no records remain in the Court House. Why couldn't I have been told where the books are now stored? No one could tell me!

Is anyone "out there" who is a "snoopy person", a "would-be detective", a real "sneak" or just curious enough to go hunting? I'd go with you in a ^{"New York"} minute!

Help, somebody, please help!

Anil Grayson

P.S.

The search mentioned above was done for the period of early 1879, March and April, done hurriedly and not as thorough as should be, due to lack of time.

I am a new member of The Cherokee^{Co.} Genealogical Society and regret, so very much, that we can't come to the meetings until daylight ends later in the evening! Glaucoma restricts my husband's driving after dark.

Elaine Lacey Ancestor Chart

E-mail: lacy 7531@aol.com

Date 27 Feb 1998Name of compiler ELAINE LACEYAddress 7531 KEENES MILL RD,City COTTONDALE State AL ZIP 35453

Person No. 1 on this chart is identical to person

No. on chart No.

b Date of birth
pb Place of birth
m Date of marriage
d Date of death
pd Place of death

2 DELBERT EUGENE AVERY

b 27 NOV 1922 (Father of No. 1)
pb TUSCALOOSA CO., AL
m 12 APR 1944, DALLAS, TX
d
pd

1 ELAINE (AVERY) LACEY

b 26 JUNE 1946
pb TUSCALOOSA, AL
m 13 MAY 1989
d
pd

3 LOIS EVELYN BLACK

b 26 DEC 1921 (Mother of No. 1)
pb ALTO, CHEROKEE CO., TX
d
pd

6 AUBRON ROY BLACK

b 7 MAY 1909 (Father of No. 3)
pb ALTO, CHEROKEE CO., TX
m 6 SEPT 1919
d 19 SEPT 1972
pd HOUSTON, TX

7 ALMEDA RUTH KINB

b 19 APR 1905 (Mother of No. 3)
pb ALTO, CHEROKEE CO TX
d
pd

ANCESTOR CHART NO. _____

8 WILLIAM M. AVERY

b 14 SEPT 1854 (Father of No. 4)
pb 8:00 CO. AL
m 28 JUNE 1878
d 14 AUG 1935
pd TUSCALOOSA CO., AL

9 OLIVIA WOOLLEY

b 15 JUNE 1860 (Mother of No. 4)
pb
d 24 FEB 1935
pd TUSCALOOSA, CO., AL

10 JAMES WARREN HOBBS

b 20 SEPT 1876 (Father of No. 5)
pb
m 28 DEC 1898
d 19 JAN 1948
pd JEFFERSON CO., AL

11 LILLIE PRICE

b 5 JUNE 1882 (Mother of No. 5)
pb
d 11 MAY 1970
pd JEFFERSON CO., AL

12 GEORGE ALEXANDER BLACK

b 17 SEPT 1867 (Father of No. 6)
pb ALTO, CHEROKEE CO. TX
m 15 SEPT 1887
d 25 DEC 1942
pd SAN ANTONIO, TX

13 EDITH CORENE HOLCOMB

b 27 FEB 1871 (Mother of No. 6)
pb ALTO, CHEROKEE CO., TX
m 22 DEC 1925
d
pd ALTO, CHEROKEE CO., TX

14 JOHN GRANVILLE KINB

b 14 APR 1878 (Father of No. 7)
pb TX
m 1 NOV 1903
d 27 FEB 1959
pd JACKSONVILLE, TX

15 ELIZA LUDORA SCHOCHLER

b 11 OCT 1885 (Mother of No. 7)
pb CHEROKEE CO TX
d 2 MAY 1966
pd CHEROKEE CO., TX

16 HENRY AVERY JR.

(Father of No. 8) Continued on chart

17 NANCY MEIGS

(Mother of No. 8) Continued on chart

18 ALFRED IRBY WOOLLEY

(Father of No. 9) Continued on chart

19 SARAH TUBB

(Mother of No. 9) Continued on chart

20 THOMAS JEFFERSON HOBBS

(Father of No. 10) Continued on chart

21 SINNIA RAINS

(Mother of No. 10) Continued on chart

22 JOHN H. PRICE

(Father of No. 11) Continued on chart

23 NANCY E. MALLETT

(Mother of No. 11) Continued on chart

24 ALEXANDER BLACK

(Father of No. 12) Continued on chart

25 SUSAN SINKLETARY

(Mother of No. 12) Continued on chart

26 JOSEPH C. HOLCOMB

(Father of No. 13) Continued on chart

27 HELEN FRANCES SELMAN

(Mother of No. 13) Continued on chart

28 JOHN BIPSON KINB

(Father of No. 14) Continued on chart

29 NANCY LUCINDA HOOVER

(Mother of No. 14) Continued on chart

30 JACOB SNIDER SCHOCHLER

(Father of No. 15) Continued on chart

31 LAURA ELLEN KELLUM

(Mother of No. 15) Continued on chart

Refer to name and number

W.P. Beck

From: TxFannin GenWeb - Suzie <txfannin@gmail.com>
 Sent: Friday, December 25, 2020 09:51 PM
 To: ccgs@Wsuddenlink.net
 Subject: Buried Unmarked in Cherokee County, TX

I stumbled upon this story in the Whitewright Sun (Grayson County) which had previously been published in the Jacksonville Progress. I do not find him on your site or in Find-a-Grave as buried in the City Cemetery but both the news article and the Texas Death Certificate indicate he is buried there. His middle initial varies in the two documents.

Suzie Henderson
 CC for [TxFannin GenWeb](#)

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht1223575/m1/4/zoom!?resolution=4&lat=7779.477593551874&lon=3801.2147420982856>

The Whitewright
 Sun
 17 Apr 1930

Man is Killed by Gun Trap set for Thief

W. P. Beck, aged 24, died Sunday afternoon in a local hospital as the result of gunshot wounds sustained through the right side of his breast and his high hand at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. The shooting occurred on the farm of A. S. Norton two miles south of Jacksonville, on the Craft road when Beck opens the door of the chicken house on Mr. Norton's place.

It was found, when Constable J. A. Smith and Nightwatchman Bolhadlinger went to the scene of the shooting shortly afterward, that a trap had been laid for anyone who might open the door. There was a 12-gauge gun laid upon an improvised stand with the butt end against the wall opposite the door, the gun pointing exactly in the direction of the entrance. A string was attached to the right hand trigger, the hammer was pulled back, and the string run-through a staple at the back of the gun and then across the chicken house to the top of the door. When the door was pulled, the gun was fired.

Mr. Norton gave a statement this morning to Constable Smith and Count Attorney Emmerson Store to the effect that he had been missing chickens for several nights and had set the trap for the prowler. He made no attempt to deny he was trying to catch the thief.

Beck lived on the A. L Stewart estate about one mile southeast of the Norton Farm.

An arrest was made by officers this morning of Jack Nelson, a relative of Beck, who said he was here on a visit at the Beck home. Nothing definite has been decided as to what course will be taken.

The chicken house where Beck was shot was 10 by 12 feet in size and opened from the south. Along the north side Mr. Norton extended two strips from the end of the house to the wall. It was on top of these strips that he laid the gun, propping it against the north wall.

Funeral services and burial were held Monday at 1 o'clock for Beck at the City Cemetery, the Rev. M. A. Roberts conducting.

W. P Beck

Relatives of the dead man state that he was in the habit of walking in his sleep, and in that way explained his presence at the hen house. -- Jacksonville Progress.

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K33Y-S2R>

Event Type: Death
 Event Date: 06 Apr 1930
 Event Place: , Cherokee, Texas, United States
 Name: W B Beck
 Gender: Male
 Age: 24
 Marital Status: Married
 Father's Name: Jim Beck
 Mother's Name: Ada Tatum
 Birth Date: 17 Jan 1905
 Birth Year (Estimated): 1906
 Birthplace: , Texas
 Record Number: 17505

GS Film Number: 2135323
 Digital Folder Number: 005145206
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Citing this Record

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